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## CROP PRODUCTION – OCTOBER 2018

### UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Utah is forecast to total 2.12 million tons this year, down from 2.23 million tons produced in 2017, according to the October 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Utah farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 530,000 acres of alfalfa hay this year, unchanged from 2017. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 4.00 tons per acre, compared with last year's yield of 4.20 tons per acre and the August forecast of 3.70 tons per acre.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture** dry hay for 2018 is forecast at 59.5 million tons, up 3 percent from the August forecast and up 8 percent from 2017. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.43 tons per acre, up 0.10 ton from the August forecast and up 0.11 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 17.4 million acres up 5 percent from 2017.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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